

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES Minutes for January 25, 2012.**  
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The CODI Meeting was called to order by Mr. Ernie Martinez, Chairman, at 1:50 pm.

Attendance: District 1 Commissioner Jordan: John Miller: Present  
District 2 Commissioner Monestime: Jackson David: Present  
District 3 Commissioner Edmonson: Jose Granda: Present  
District 4 Commissioner Heyman: Vacant CODI Seat  
District 5 Commissioner Barreiro: Jose "Ernie" Martinez (Chair): Present  
District 6 Commissioner Sosa: Pedro Rodriguez: Excused  
District 7 Commissioner Suarez: Harry Horgan: Present  
District 8 Commissioner Bell: Jesus Garcia: Excused  
District 9 Commissioner Moss: Ron Fulton: Present by Telephone  
District 10 Commissioner Souto: Dr. Sam Kohlenberg: Present  
District 11 Commissioner Martinez: Denise Valkema: Excused  
District 12 Commissioner Diaz: Marilyn Larrieu: Present  
District 13 Commission Bovo: Alan Rigerman: Present

II. Approval of Agenda: The Chairman called for approval of the agenda. A motion to approve the January 25<sup>th</sup> agenda was made by Mr. Alan Rigerman, second by Ms. Marilyn Larrieu. Motion passed.

III. Approval of Minutes: The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of 12/19/11 meeting. Motion to approve December minutes made by Mr. Alan Rigerman, second by Mr. Harry Horgan. Motion passed.

IV. Public Comments:

No public comments at this time

Announcements:

Mr. Rigerman gave an update on his lawsuit against the Town of Miami Lakes. He also passed along information for the commission to review.

Mr. Miller gave information on an app for smart phones called Congress.

V. Committee Summary Updates:

- A. Access: Access Committee Chairman Jackson David stated that he could not attend and Mr. Martinez chair but wanted to bring to the attention that California raised the fines for abusers of disabled parking and enforcement. Mr. Martinez stated that parking came up at the meeting. He stated that Ms. Heidi Johnson-Wright gave an update on a bill that is currently in the legislature to update the handicap parking requirements. Mr. Martinez stated that the bill is great, but what is needed is enforcement of what is currently on the books. The other issues discussed at the committee were the Brownsville Metrorail Station and Miami International Airport. Mr. Jackson invited Mr. Rigerman to attend the next Access Committee meeting on February 9 at 1:30 pm. The Brownsville station is an ongoing problem and nothing has been done by the department and asked Mr. Bill Velez of Para transit who would be the best person to contact about this problem. He suggested contacting Mr. Robert McCullen. Mr. Martinez suggested inviting Mr. McCullen to the next Access Committee and the next Commission meeting. Rick from Airport reported that the rental car facility is operational and once the metro rail is complete will be able to connect to MIA, Tri-rail and Amtrak. Mr. Martinez asked about MIA employees parking on site in handicapped parking. The parking and enforcement issues will continue to be discussed at Access Committee.

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#### B. Housing:

Ms. Larrieu gave an update stating that the main thing was the establishment of a clearing house reaching out to developers. Mr. Hernandez has a website and database that would need minor tweaking. An application will also be developed. Mr. Martinez stated that this is a real big project that the committee is championing. Mr. Martinez explained that the goals or intent of the committee are the following: 1) clearing house, 2) database of developers and 3) match people wanting to rent with developers.

#### C. Membership Committee:

Committee Chair Dr. Sam Kohlenberg stated who attended the meeting and read passages from the bylaws pertaining to elections of the commission. He presented a slate of officers to the commission that will be voted on at the February meeting. The slate presented is as follows: Chairman – Ernie Martinez; First vice Chair – John Miller; Second vice Chair – Ron Fulton; Secretary – Jesus Garcia. Ms. Larrieu stated that next time it would be nice to have information on individuals interested in running for office. Mr. Miller responded that the committee tried to do that, but it was difficult to get members to respond. Mr. Martinez asked the committee to send to all commission members the slate that was presented.

#### D. Education and Outreach:

Mr. Martinez asked assigned Mr. Horgan to chair the Education and Outreach committee. He asked him to think of quarterly events and report back to the commission if there would be budget required for any of the activities. Mr. Martinez stated that the mission is to get community more engaged with CODI and disability issues to include some disability rights issues. Mr. Miller requested clarification. Mr. Rigerman stated that he has been visiting high schools and would like to discuss with Mr. Horgan. Mr. Horgan asked Mr. Miller and Mr. Rigerman to be a part of the committee.

### VI. Information Items:

#### A. Parks:

Ms. Lucy Binhack gave an update on Parks & Recreation. She stated particularly two issues of beach wheelchair use. She stated the use of power beach chair is somewhat limited. The other issue was parking at Haulover Beach. The parking is out of compliance, and now the tunnels have stairs and will be going to ramps. Due to the construction moratorium the project is still ongoing. She also stated that several ADA projects were completed in 2011 and many were planned for 2012. Mr. Rigerman made a request for signs to be replaced at Palm Springs North Park.

#### B. Public Pathways

Mr. Martinez asked Mr. Julio Martinez of PWWM about the status of their in house training on ADA issues. Mr. Raul of PWWM suggested that CODI hold an ADA fair to educate employees and citizens on ADA issues. Mr. Bill Velez stated that was a good idea and would help with that effort.

### VII. Action Items

- A. Marlins - An update will be given on February 29 with a presentation with a tour of the ball park taking place on March 8 or 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Martinez asked about the members' availability: Most was available on Thursday but an email will go out to request availability.
- B. Parking – Mr. Rigerman suggested sending a letter to police chief to have police officers enforce ADA parking. He also suggested sending letter to Board of Commission Chair asking them to provide refreshments for the meeting.
- C. Self-Service Gasoline Stations/Attendants Regulation – Mr. Martinez will bring back at the next meeting.
- D. Elections of Office – Elections will take place at the February meeting.

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VIII. Old/New Business:

Mr. Rigerman spoke of the baby stroller sticker stating the cost was very little if a certain quantity was ordered.

Open Forum: Ms. Paulette commented that she is an activist on public housing and the rights of citizens living with disabilities in public housing. She will attend the housing committee meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

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